

TOWN OF HOPEDALE – ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

Tuesday, June 12th, 2007 at 7:00 o'clock in the evening
in the Dennett Auditorium of the Junior/Senior High School

Worcester SS: To the Constables in the Town of Hopedale in the County of Worcester.

Greetings: In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Hopedale qualified to vote in town affairs to meet in the Dennett Auditorium of the Junior/Senior High School on Tuesday, June 12th, 2007, at 7:00 o'clock in the evening then and there to act on the following articles:

ARTICLE 1: To see if the Town will vote to hear and act upon the report of the Selectmen and other offices, departments, or committees of said town, or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to M.G.L. c.41, §108 to fix the annual salary and compensation for each elected Town officer and further to see if the Town will vote to fix the annual compensation for special appointed officials for his/her service in fiscal year 2008, or take any other action related thereto.

Town Moderator (1)	\$ 200
Board of Selectmen (3)	\$ 6,500
Town Clerk (1)*	\$31,948
Road Commissioners (3)	\$ 2,200
Board of Health (3)	\$ 1,850
Park Commissioners (3)	\$ 1,600
Water/Sewer Commissioners (3)	\$ 2,200
Tree Warden (1)	\$ 1,000
Planning Board (5)	\$ 3,700
Board of Assessors (3)	\$ 1,850
Board of Registrars (3) appt.	\$ 1,600
Clerk to Registrars (1)	\$ 500
Zoning Board of Appeals (5) appt.	\$ 1,300
Finance Committee (9) appt.	\$ 950
School Committee (5)	\$ 5,500
Conservation Committee (5)	\$ 2,600
Library Trustees (3)	\$ 1,600

*Town Clerk is paid weekly; all others twice per year

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate through assessments provided under M.G.L. c. 83, §16, and to be collected under M.G.L. c. 44, §53E bond issue payments of \$72,069 for the Sewer Department, or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by: Water and Sewer Commissioners

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, a sum of monies into and/or out of the Stabilization Fund as provided under M.G.L. c. 40, §5B, or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by: Finance Committee

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the continued use of a revolving fund pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44, §53E1/2 for the purpose of funding a hazardous waste collection day and recycling program to include composting and yard waste and other related costs, which fund shall be credited with receipts from the Board of Health to be expended under the authority of the Board of Health, such expenditures not to exceed \$30,000.00 for the fiscal year 2008; or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Health

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the continued use of a revolving fund pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44, §53E1/2 for the purpose of funding the operating costs of the animal control division of the Hopedale Board of Health, which fund will be credited with receipts for the boarding of stray animals, fines for violations, and the licensing of animals, to be expended under the authority of the Board of Health, such expenditures not to exceed \$15,000.00 for the fiscal year 2008; or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Health

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Conservation Commission to spend without further appropriation in accordance with M.G.L. c. 131, §40 certain sums as received in filing fees from prior fiscal years, for the fiscal year 2008, or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by: Conservation Commission

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer to borrow up to the sum of \$122,875 in anticipation of Chapter 90 State reimbursement funds for the purpose of providing road paving/improvement projects, or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by: Road Commissioners

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to Town Bylaw, Chapter XXII-B, The Personnel Administration Bylaw, to adjust the percentage applicable to the compensation plan, or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by: Personnel Committee

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow, or transfer from available Treasury funds, such sums of money as deemed necessary to defray Town charges for fiscal Year 2008 as contained in the Finance Committee Budget Report, or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by: Finance Committee

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Water Department Budget to be funded by offset receipts as follows, Salaries \$169,965, Expenses \$593,711, Debt \$89,535.00 including Long Term Principle \$47,342, Long Term Interest \$16,993 and BAN \$25,200, or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by: Water and Sewer Commissioners

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Sewer Department Budget to be funded by offset receipts as follows, Salaries \$ 225,527, Expenses \$ 412,703, Debt \$ 27,069 for Sewer Bond Interest, or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by: Water and Sewer Commissioners

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Ambulance Department Budget to be funded by offset receipts as follows, Salaries \$ 103,554, Expenses \$ 51,225, or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of \$1,354.59 to pay the Town's annual assessment of costs and expenses of the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission District, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$ 157,151 for the Town's net operating and capital assessment for the Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional High School, which is inclusive of \$ 14,619 for the debt service associated with Hopedale's previously (2001) voted amount for the districts addition/renovation project, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Submitted by: Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School District

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the use of a revolving fund pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44, §53E1/2 for the purpose of funding and operating the Hopedale Cable Advisory Board and other related costs, which fund shall be credited solely with receipts from Comcast pursuant to Sections 5.2(a) and 5.2(b) of the renewal license dated January 9, 1999 to be expended under the authority of the Hopedale Cable Advisory Committee, such expenditures not to exceed \$100,000 for the fiscal year 2008; or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by: Cable advisory Committee

ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Water Enterprise Account to the Capital Projects line the sum of \$113,000 to the Capital Projects Line to purchase a truck, conduct a water audit, purchase radio read meters and continue development of the new source pilot testing, or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by: Water & Sewer Commissioners

ARTICLE 18: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Sewer Retained Earnings to the Capital Projects line the sum of \$50,000 to purchase a new truck, sand blast and paint #1 Secondary Tank at the Wastewater Treatment Plant and conduct an I&I study, or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by: Water & Sewer Commissioners

ARTICLE 19: To see if the Town will vote to accept G.L. c. 59, section 5L, which provides for the deferral of any real and personal property taxes by a member of the Massachusetts National Guard or reservist or a dependent of such member while that member is on active service outside the Commonwealth and for the next 180 days after that service without the assessment of any interest or penalties before the expiration of those 180 days, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Assessors

ARTICLE 20: To see if the Town of Hopedale will vote to increase the availability of tax exemptions to senior citizens owning real property pursuant to G. L. Ch. 59 § 5, Clause 41C, as authorized under Section 51 of Chapter 184 of the Acts of 2002 of the General Court, by approving an increase in the value of the tax exemption, currently \$4,587 in valuation or \$575 which ever is greater, to \$4,784 in valuation or \$600, which ever is greater, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Assessors

ARTICLE 21: To see if the Town of Hopedale will vote to accept the provisions of Mass. G.L. c. 60A, §1 exempting former prisoners of war as defined by said section from the motor vehicle excise tax imposed by said section, including the proviso exempting a motor vehicle owned and registered by the surviving spouse of a deceased former prisoner of war from said excise taxes until such time as the surviving spouse remarries or fails to renew such registration, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Assessors

ARTICLE 22: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into one or more inter-municipal agreements pursuant to MGL c40 § 4A, with the Towns of Milford,

Upton & Hopkinton or with any one or more governmental units in order to make improvements and repairs to the Lake Maspeneck Dam; and that the Board of Selectmen be authorized to take all other action necessary or appropriate to carry out the purpose of this article, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Selectmen

ARTICLE 23: To see if the Town will vote to accept as a public way 20,705 square feet, more or less of Robertson Drive, as shown on a certain plan of land entitled: "LAYOUT PLAN OF ROBERTSON DRIVE IN HOPEDALE, MA, OWNER: INHABITANTS OF THE TOWN OF HOPEDALE, BY: BOARD OF SELECTMEN, SCALE: 40 FEET TO THE INCH, DATE: SEPTEMBER 20, 2006 Guerriere & Halnon, Inc. Engineering & Land Surveying 333 West Street, Milford, Mass. 01757 (508)473-6630 Fax: (508)473-8243", which plan is to be recorded with the Worcester Registry of Deeds; and further to authorize the Road Commissioners to acquire by gift and to accept the deed to the Inhabitants of the Town of an easement in Robertson Drive as shown on said plan, upon such terms and conditions as they shall determine appropriate, for the purposes of a public way, together with the roadway and utilities as set forth on said plan, or take any other action related thereto

Submitted by: Planning Board

ARTICLE 24: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, \$86,937.50 to make the first of a three year lease to purchase payment to California First National Bank, or take any other action in relation thereof.

Submitted by: Road Commissioners

ARTICLE 25: To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of \$65,000 appropriated under Article 3 of the April 13, 2004 Annual Town Meeting for Highway Sand/Salt Shed to General Funds, or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by: Finance Committee

ARTICLE 26: To see if the Town will vote transfer from Stabilization \$62,500 to fund the third year of a 6 year mortgage with Louis J. Noferi as authorized by Article 20 of the April 12, 2005 Annual Town Meeting and as amended by Article 20 of the May 16, 2006 Annual Town Meeting, or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by: Road Commissioners

You are hereby directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the three public places in different parts of the Town not less than seven days before the holding of said meeting. Hereof fail not to make the due return of the meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 4th day of June 2007.


HOPEDALE BOARD OF SELECTMEN


Michael E. Collins


Louis J. Arcudi III
Chairman


Alan J. Ryan

A True Copy, ATTEST:  Paul Galt
Posted in the Town Hall, Community House, and Post Office Lobby.

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Constable
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Date